

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** October 4, 2011

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution opposing any decision by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection which would authorize the placement of above-ground 230kV and 500kV transmission lines in any residential area within an alternate transmission line corridor in Miami-Dade County and urging Florida Power and Light to place the 230kV and 500kV transmission lines underground if they are placed in any residential areas and place transmission line poles in the least intrusive locations

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**This substitute differs from the original in that it adds a new section opposing the placement of 230kV and 500kV transmission lines in residential areas and urging Florida Power and Light to place those lines underground in residential areas. The title was also updated to reflect this addition.**

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Co-Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.

  
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County Attorney *for RAC*

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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous\_\_\_\_) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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10-4-11

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY DECISION BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE PLACEMENT OF ABOVE-GROUND 230KV AND 500KV TRANSMISSION LINES IN ANY RESIDENTIAL AREA WITHIN AN ALTERNATE TRANSMISSION LINE CORRIDOR IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND URGING FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT TO PLACE THE 230KV AND 500KV TRANSMISSION LINES UNDERGROUND IF THEY ARE PLACED IN ANY RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND PLACE TRANSMISSION LINE POLES IN THE LEAST INTRUSIVE LOCATIONS

**WHEREAS**, residents and visitors in Miami-Dade County value the County's beauty and lush, tropical trees and may choose to come to the County for aesthetic reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, the warm weather in Miami-Dade County allows residents and visitors to enjoy parks, outdoor shopping, and other outdoor activities throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the Turkey Point Units 6 and 7 project, Florida Power and Light has proposed eastern and western corridors for new 230kV and 500kV transmission lines, and these corridors would pass through some residential areas in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, various municipalities in Miami-Dade County have proposed alternate corridors for the 230kV and 500kV transmission lines, and these alternate corridors would also pass through residential areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") is currently reviewing those proposals and after a determination from an Administrative Law Judge and the Siting Board, final corridors will be certified; and

**WHEREAS**, the placement of transmission lines through residential areas may detract from the areas' natural beauty and may affect individuals' enjoyment of parks, outdoor shopping, walking and bicycling, and other outdoor activities; and

**WHEREAS**, placing the transmission lines underground would protect the beauty of residential areas while not interfering with residents' and visitors' enjoyment of outdoor activities, and would be consistent with County policies regarding the protection of residential neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, decisions on where to place transmission line poles within a corridor will impact the immediate areas surrounding those poles; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Power and Light could minimize the negative impacts of transmission lines by placing its transmission line poles in the least intrusive locations,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

Section 1. This Board opposes any decision by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection which would authorize the placement of above-ground 230kV and 500kV transmission lines in residential areas within any alternate transmission line corridor in Miami-Dade County; and

Section 2. >>If Florida Power and Light's proposed 230kV or 500kV corridors are certified, this Board opposes the placement of the 230kV or 500kV transmission lines in any residential neighborhood and urges Florida Power and Light to place those transmission lines underground in residential neighborhoods; and<<<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The differences between the substitute and the original item are indicated as follows: words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed.

>>Section 3.<< In the event that >>above-ground<< ~~[[the]]~~ 230kV or 500kV transmission lines are placed in residential areas, this Board urges Florida Power and Light to place its transmission line poles in the least intrusive locations so such placements do not: a) interfere with parks or other green spaces; b) require trees to be removed; c) impact sidewalks or other walking or biking paths; or d) affect residential buildings, particularly condominiums or apartments which could be close to the transmission lines themselves.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Power and Light.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Co-Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner

, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Lynda Bell
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of October, 2011. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell

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